

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON GREAT LAKES AND ENVIRONMENT

Wednesday, November 28, 2007

12:00 p.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

Representative Warren, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Warren, Donigan, Ebli, Leland, Meadows, Miller, Valentine, Robertson, Palmer, Emmons, Moolenaar, Meekhof and Agema.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Tobocman and Kathleen Law.

Representative Miller moved to excuse absent members. There being no objection, absent members were excused.

The Chair laid HB 4343, HB 5065, HB 5066, HB 5067, HB 5068, HB 5069, HB 5070, HB 5071, HB 5072 and HB 5073 before the committee.

HB 4343 Ebli	Natural resources; Great Lakes; Great Lakes-St. Lawrence river basin water resources compact; ratify.
HB 5065 McDowell	Water; conservation; water withdrawals and water diversions; regulate.
HB 5066 Meadows	Water; conservation; water withdrawals; modify certain registration and reporting requirements and require conservation measures.
HB 5067 Brown	Water; conservation; water withdrawals; enhance enforcement.
HB 5068 Coulouris	Water; conservation; water withdrawal; regulate.
HB 5069 Warren	Water; conservation; water withdrawals; provide for a water withdrawal assessment tool.
HB 5070 Sak	Water; conservation; water withdrawals; modify authority for water users committees and local ordinances.
HB 5071 Corriveau	Water; conservation; water withdrawals; require evaluation of certain proposed waterworks systems.
HB 5072 Valentine	Water; conservation; water withdrawals; regulate bottled water facilities.

HB 5073 Kathleen Law Water; conservation; water withdrawals; provide department of environmental quality with rule-making authority.

William P. Young and Bob O'Donnell, representing the Absopure Water Company, gave a presentation before the committee on the package of bills.*

Grenetta Thomassey, representing the Great Lakes, Great Michigan Coalition, testified before the committee in support of the package of bills.*

Sarah Roberts, Macomb County Commissioner and representing the Macomb County Water Quality Board, testified before the committee in support of the package of bills.

Mike Johnston, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association, testified before the committee in support of HB 4343 and in opposition to HB 5065, HB 5066, HB 5067, HB 5068, HB 5069, HB 5070, HB 5071, HB 5072 and HB 5073.*

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, turned in a testimony card in opposition to HB 5071 but did not wish to speak.

Patrick Schuh, representing Clean Water Action, turned in a testimony card in support of the package of bills but due to time constraints was unable to speak.*

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, turned in a testimony card in support of the package of bills but due to time constraints was unable to speak.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 1:30 p.m.

Representative Rebekah Warren, Chair

Eric Esch
Acting Committee Clerk
November 28, 2007
1 hour 30 minutes

Date Approved and Signed

* indicates written material submitted.